

WE CLAIM:

1. A system for managing electronic content on a computer network, the system comprising:

an electronic content library configured to store a plurality of files, and to maintain revision history data for the files stored therein;

a web content manager configured to publish one or more of the files stored in the electronic content library to a website;

a content manager configured to check-out a selected file from the electronic content library upon a user's request, and to check-in an updated version of the selected file to the electronic content library, such that checking-in the updated version of the selected file causes the revision history data in the electronic content library to be updated; and

an event trigger subsystem configured to notify the web content manager of the updated version of the selected file based on a modification to the selected file.

2. The system of Claim 1, wherein the event trigger subsystem is further configured to enable selected content manager functions when the selected file is checked-out of the electronic content library.

3. The system of Claim 1, wherein the event trigger subsystem is further configured to disable selected content manager functions when the selected file is checked-out of the electronic content library.

4. The system of Claim 1, wherein the event trigger subsystem also triggers a web publication related process in the web content manager.

5. The system of Claim 1, wherein the event trigger subsystem also triggers an approval subsystem configured to notify a user authorized to approve changes that the updated version of the selected file has been checked-in to the electronic content library.

6. A computerized system for managing electronic content, the system comprising:

an electronic content library configured to store web-based and non-web-based electronic content;

a web content manager configured to perform a web-based activity;
and

an event trigger subsystem configured to invoke an event in response to a change to the web-based electronic content stored in the electronic content library, wherein the event triggers the web content manager to perform the web-based activity.

7. The system of Claim 6, wherein the web-based activity comprises a dependent update workflow.

8. The system of Claim 6, wherein the web-based electronic content comprises computer files containing multimedia data.

9. The system of Claim 6, wherein the web-based electronic content comprises computer files containing metadata.

10. The system of Claim 6, wherein the web-based electronic content comprises computer files containing text-based documents.

11. The system of Claim 6, wherein the electronic content library is further configured to maintain revision history data for the web-based and non-web-based electronic content stored therein.

12. The system of Claim 6, wherein the electronic content library is further configured to maintain access control data for the web-based and non-web-based electronic content stored therein.

13. The system of Claim 6, wherein the web-based activity comprises publishing web-based electronic content.

14. The system of Claim 6, wherein the event trigger subsystem further comprises a listener configured to monitor changes in the web-based electronic content stored in the electronic content library.

15. A computerized system for managing electronic content, the system comprising:

a electronic content library configured to store published and non-published electronic content; and

a first content processor for managing the published and non-published electronic content;

a second content processor for managing the publication of the published electronic content; and

an event trigger subsystem in the first content processor configured to invoke an event in response to a change to the published electronic content stored in the electronic content library, wherein the event triggers a process in the second content processor for performing at least one publication related activity.

16. The system of Claim 15, wherein the publication related activity comprises performing a dependent update workflow.

17. The system of Claim 15, wherein the first content processor is an enterprise content manager and the second content processor is a web content manager.

18. The system of Claim 15, wherein the publication related activity comprises publishing the changed electronic content on an Internet website.

19. The system of Claim 15, wherein the publication related activity comprises publishing the changed electronic content on an intranet website.

20. The system of Claim 15, wherein the publication related activity comprises publishing the changed electronic content on a website, and checking the integrity of the website.

21. The system of Claim 15, wherein the event trigger subsystem further comprises a listener configured to monitor changes in the electronic content stored in the electronic content library .

22. The system of Claim 15, wherein the publication related activity comprises a content approval workflow.

23. The system of Claim 15, wherein the publication related activity comprises a content approval workflow configured to notify a user authorized to approve changes in the published electronic content.

24. The system of Claim 15, wherein the publication related activity comprises publishing the changed electronic content and notifying a workgroup of changes in the published electronic content.

25. A computerized system for managing electronic content, the system comprising:

a content manager configured to store electronic content;

a web content manager configured to perform a workflow process on electronic content, wherein the workflow process is a web-based activity; and

an event trigger subsystem configured to invoke the workflow process in response to a modification of the electronic content stored in the content manager.

26. The system of Claim 25, wherein the workflow process comprises deploying the modified electronic content to a website.

27. The system of Claim 25, wherein the workflow process comprises making dependent updates to a website based on the modified electronic content.

28. The system of Claim 25, wherein the electronic content comprises computer files containing multimedia data.

29. The system of Claim 25, wherein the electronic content comprises computer files containing metadata.

30. The system of Claim 25, wherein the electronic content comprises computer files containing text-based documents.

31. The system of Claim 25, wherein the content manager is further configured to maintain revision history data for the electronic content stored therein.

32. The system of Claim 25, wherein the content manager is further configured to maintain access control data for the electronic content stored therein.

33. A system for managing electronic content, the system comprising:

a first means for storing electronic content; and

a second means for invoking a web-based workflow process in response to a modification of the electronic content stored in the content manager.

34. The system of Claim 33, wherein the web-based workflow process comprises deploying the modified electronic content to a website.

35. The system of Claim 33, wherein the web-based workflow process comprises making dependent updates to a website based on the modified electronic content.

36. A method for managing electronic content on a computer network, the method comprising:

storing a plurality of files in an electronic content library;

maintaining revision history data for at least one of the files stored in the electronic content library;

publishing one or more of the files stored in the electronic content library using a web content manager;

checking-out a selected file from the electronic content library upon a user's request;

checking-in an updated version of the selected file to the electronic content library;

updating the revision history data in the electronic content library in response to the updated version of the selected file being checked-in; and

notifying the web content manager of the updated version of the selected file based on a modification to the selected file.

37. The method of Claim 36, wherein the one or more files stored in the electronic content library is published after the web content manager is notified of the updated version of the selected file.

38. The method of Claim 36, wherein notifying the web content manager of the updated version of the selected file triggers a web publication related process in the web content manager.

39. The method of Claim 36, further comprising notifying a user authorized to approve changes that the updated version of the selected file has been checked-in to the electronic content library.

40. A method for managing electronic content, the method comprising:

storing web-based and non-web-based electronic content in an electronic content library; and

invoking an event in response to a change to the web-based electronic content stored in the electronic content library, wherein the event triggers a web content manager to perform at least one web-based activity.

41. The method of Claim 40, wherein the web-based electronic content comprises computer files containing multimedia data.

42. The method of Claim 40, wherein the web-based electronic content comprises computer files containing metadata.

43. The method of Claim 40, wherein the web-based electronic content comprises computer files containing text-based documents.

44. The method of Claim 40, further comprising maintaining revision history data in the electronic content library for the web-based and non-web-based electronic content stored therein.

45. The method of Claim 40, further comprising maintaining access control data in the electronic content library for the web-based and non-web-based electronic content stored therein.

46. The method of Claim 40, wherein the web-based activity comprises publishing web-based electronic content.

47. The method of Claim 40, wherein the web-based activity comprises performing a dependent update workflow.

48. The method of Claim 40, further comprising monitoring changes in the web-based electronic content stored in the electronic content library using a listener.

49. A method for managing electronic content, the method comprising:
storing published and non-published electronic content in an electronic content library;

managing the published and non-published electronic content in a first content processor;

managing the publication of the published electronic content in a second content processor; and

invoking an event in response to a change to the published electronic content stored in the electronic content library, wherein the event triggers a

process in the second content processor for performing at least one publication related activity.

50. The system of Claim 49, wherein the publication related activity comprises performing a dependent update workflow.

51. The method of Claim 49, wherein the first content processor is an enterprise content manager and the second content processor is a web content manager.

52. The method of Claim 49, further comprising publishing the changed electronic content on an Internet website.

53. The method of Claim 49, further comprising publishing the changed electronic content on an intranet website.

54. The method of Claim 49, further comprising:
publishing the changed electronic content on a website; and
checking the functional integrity of the website.

55. The method of Claim 49, further comprising monitoring for changes made to the electronic content stored in the electronic content library.

56. The method of Claim 49, further comprising executing a content approval workflow.